

While the general goal of House Bill 462 may have been worthy, there is considerable research to be done before legislation of this type is appropriate for Maryland.

For the reasons stated above, I have vetoed House Bill 462.

Sincerely,
William Donald Schaefer
Governor

House Bill No. 462

AN ACT concerning

State Lottery – Assignment of Prizes

FOR the purpose of ~~allowing an adult winner of a State Lottery prize to assign the prize without a court order to another if the winner submits evidence satisfactory to the Agency that the winner is of sound mind, is not acting under duress, and has received certain financial and tax advice; specifying the circumstances under which the State Lottery Agency may not contest certain claims in court; requiring the State Lottery Agency to adopt certain regulations; providing for the application of this Act; requiring the State Lottery Agency to prepare a certain report; requiring the State Lottery Agency to request a certain ruling from the Internal Revenue Service; providing for certain effective dates; providing that certain provisions are contingent on a certain ruling;~~ and generally relating to State Lottery prizes.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – State Government

Section 9-122(b)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1993 Replacement Volume and 1993 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article – State Government

9-122.

(b) (1) Except as otherwise provided in this subsection and § 10-113(g) of the Family Law Article, a prize won under this subtitle is not assignable.

(2) If the prize winner dies before the prize is paid, the prize may be paid to the estate of the prize winner.

(3) (I) Under appropriate court order, a prize won under this subtitle may be paid to a person other than the winner.

(II) THE AGENCY MAY NOT, WITHOUT GOOD CAUSE, OPPOSE A WINNER'S CLAIM IN COURT FOR A COURT ORDER UNDER THIS PARAGRAPH.